

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
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GEOLOGICAL SURVEY FOR DISCOVERY OF DIAMOND FIELD

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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of survey conducted by the Geological Survey of India (GSI) in the field of discovery of diamonds and other precious metals during the last three years;
- (b) the States which have been found to have abundant reserve of undiscovered precious metals;
- (c) whether most of the undiscovered areas of such precious metals lie in the tribal areas; and
- (d) if so, the efforts being made to extract precious metals without disturbing the tribal people?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL)

(a) : During the last 3 years, Geological Survey of India (GSI) has carried out investigations for locating Kimberlite/ Lamproite source rocks for Diamonds in the States of Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh, for Gold in the States of Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Orissa, Rajasthan, Arunachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala and for Platinum Group of Elements (PGE) in the States of Orissa, Maharashtra and Himachal Pradesh.

(b) : The States of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra hold promise for discovery of Diamond. Good prospects of PGE are likely in the States of Orissa and Maharashtra. Promising resources of Gold are there in Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra.

(c) & (d) : Most of the mineral occurrences lie in the interior, remote and tribal areas. Since investigations are in a preliminary stage, extraction of these precious minerals will depend on their economic viability.